

## RMF TRANSITION DATE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 1, 2016

*Current authorizations are grandfathered and systems can continue to process under existing authorizations until expiration. See transition timeline below:*

System Accreditation Status	Transition Timeline / Instructions
System Security Plan /Master System Security Plan (MSSP) submitted prior to October 1, 2016.	Continue using current C&A process with the latest version of the ODAA Process Manual. The ATO will last no greater than 18 months starting October 1, 2016. Within six months of authorization, develop a Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) for transition to RMF.
SSPs/MSSPs after October 1, 2016.	Execute RMF Assessment and Authorization through the DAAPM.  Standalones are no longer allowed to be self-certified under the C&A process.
Local Area Network (LAN), Wide Area Network (WAN) or Interconnected System after October 1, 2016.	<b>Phase 1:</b> Cleared contractors continue using the current C&A process with the latest version of the ODAA Process Manual. ATO will last no greater than 18 months starting October 1, 2016. Within six months of authorization, develop a POA&M for transition to RMF.  <b>Phase 2:</b> Execute RMF Assessment and Authorization process through the DAAPM. ( <i>Timeline TBD.</i> )

As we work through the overhaul of the legacy NISP C&A process, we recognize the challenge inherent in the transition. We ask for both your flexibility and cooperation as we collectively work to manage this change while maintaining the enhanced security procedures essential to the NISP.

Questions should be addressed through your DSS Field Office communications channels to the appropriate regional Authorizing Official.

Thanks,  
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